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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

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AMENDMENT

For: IMAGE FORMING )  
APPARATUS WITH )  
TEMPERATURE CONTROL )

Attny Ref.: MAE 312 )

April 10, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on January 11, 2006. Payment for one dependent claim is attached. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 is found in the specification paragraph spanning pages 15-16. The lack of contact (claim 21) with the fixing unit is illustrated in Fig. 1, where the fixing unit 48 is not in contact with the detector 88.

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